

Montana HOSA - FUTURE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS



Competitive Events Program

HOSA's competitive events program - aligned with the National Healthcare Skill Standards which help students graduate and be career and college ready - offers six event categories: **(1)** Health Science, **(2)** Health Professions, **(3)** Emergency Preparedness, **(4)** Leadership, **(5)** Teamwork, & **(6)** Recognition. The 56 competency based events provide a variety of teaching strategies that health science instructors can use to enhance student engagement & learning. Students compete in events at the State Leadership Conference and have the chance to qualify for Nationals by finishing as one of the top three scorers. At Nationals, students have the opportunity to compete with thousands of other competitors from throughout the United States as well as Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. This year's National Leadership Conference will take place June 20 - 23, 2012 in Orlando, Florida at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort.

What is HOSA?

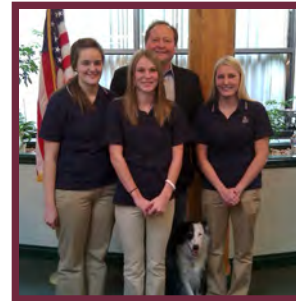
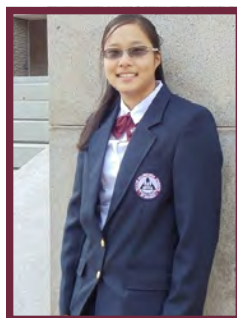
HOSA is a national student organization that provides a unique program of leadership development, motivation, and recognition for secondary, postsecondary, and collegiate students. HOSA is a nationally recognized Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO). Other CTSO's include BPA, FFA, FCCLA, DECA, and Skills USA. The Mission of HOSA is to enhance the delivery of compassionate, quality healthcare by providing opportunities for knowledge, skills and leadership development of all health science students, to help students to meet the needs of the health care community.

Structure



Each local chapter provides the foundation for the organization. Chapters are organized in a high school or district with a teacher, school nurse, athletic trainer, etc. serving as the chapter advisor. These local chapters also have their own student officers who help lead the chapter. Moving up to the

state level, Montana HOSA has a group of elected State Officers. These officers help plan the Program of Work for the year. Montana HOSA also has a state advisory board that provides direction for the state organization. The board is comprised of representatives from health associations, business and volunteer organizations, post-secondary facilities, and health science teachers. Montana HOSA is affiliated with the National HOSA organization, which provides the state organization with various materials and coordinates a national conference for qualifying members.



Health Science Events:

Dental Spelling & Terminology
Medical Spelling & Terminology
Medical Math
Knowledge Tests Pathophysiology, Pharmacology, Nutrition, Human Growth & Development and Concepts of Health Care

Health Professions Events:

Biotechnology
Sports Medicine
Nursing Assisting
Veterinary Assisting
Dental Science
Home Health Aide
Physical Therapy, and others

Emergency Preparedness Events:

CPR/First Aid
EMT
Life Support Skills
Epidemiology
Public Health Emergency, and others

Leadership Events:

Interviewing Skills
Healthy Lifestyle
Researched Persuasive Speaking
Extemporaneous Writing, Speaking, and Health Poster
Medical Photography, and others

Teamwork Events:

Biomedical Debate
HOSA Bowl
Community Awareness
Medical Reading
Creative Problem Solving
Forensic Medicine
Public Service Announcement
Career Health Display, and others

Recognition Events:

Outstanding HOSA Chapter
Outstanding State Leader
Barbara James Service Award
HOSA Week
National Service Project, and others

Benefits

Members and advisors receive many benefits:



- Learning and sense of achievement from chapter activities
- Preparation for both career and life
- Enhances performance in work-based learning experiences
- Learning from classroom teachers and from outside experts in career fields
- Opportunities to demonstrate

skills through applications such as the competitive events program

- Connects academic and technical curricula
- Creates student engagement and enthusiasm for learning
- Advisors combine problem and project-based instruction with traditional teaching strategies



Members also learn valuable skills as well as real life experience from chapter volunteer work and fundraising. This experience is then magnified during the State Conference where students are able to interact with real healthcare workers in organized symposiums.

Membership



In order for students and advisors to be considered members of HOSA they must pay annual membership dues. There are dues both at the state and national level - state dues are \$10 and national dues are \$10 per person. Costs to attend the State and National Conferences are the

responsibility of the local chapter. These costs are generally paid from the revenue earned through chapter fundraising activities. Current Montana membership is 250+ students in 17 chapters located at Augusta, Belgrade, Bigfork, Billings Career Center, Bozeman, Butte High, Columbia Falls, CMR, Great Falls High, Harlowton, Helena High, MSU Great Falls COT, Noxon, Ronan, Sentinel, Whitefish, and Virtual Montana HOSA.

HOSA Facts

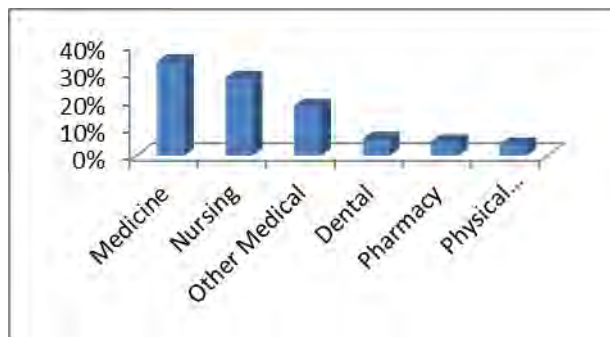
HOSA 101:

- HOSA activities & the Health Science classroom are designed to be transparent
- Over 145,000 members in pursuit of a career in the health professions



- 49 state associations, including Puerto Rico and District of Columbia
- 28 straight years of membership growth
- \$431,797 in scholarships awarded nationwide
- The annual National Leadership Conference hosts 7,000 members, advisors, industry representatives, judges, and VIP's
- 11 Internships in the Office of the Surgeon General have been awarded to HOSA members since 2010

HOSA recognizes the importance of providing students with training beyond the health specific technical skills required for entry into the health care field and plays a unique role in preparing students for a higher education and entry level certification (EMT, CNA, etc.). The rapidly changing health care system needs dedicated workers who, in addition to their technical skills, are people-oriented and capable of playing a leader or follower role as a member of health care team. HOSA, a student-led organization of future health professionals, provides opportunities for students to develop, practice and refine their technical, leadership and teamwork skills for a seamless transition from education to career. Shown below are the recent demographics of HOSA members and their career interests:



For More Information

In partnership together, the Montana Office of Public Instruction and the South Central Montana AHEC, support a State HOSA Advisor to provide the leadership for the operation of the Montana HOSA organization. The State Advisor is responsible for preparing and distributing materials, planning conferences, planning and conducting competitive events, communicating with chapters, providing advisor in-service and other duties as needed.

For more information about starting a HOSA Chapter in your community, please contact Bergen Morehouse, State HOSA Advisor, 683.2790, bergen@mtha.org. Please visit the following websites: www.montanahosa.org and www.hosa.org.

